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SUBJ: MICROWAVES: VISIT OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO ARGENTINA

REF: A. BA A-373; B. STATE A-164; C. STATE 12562

1. EMBASSY ADVISED PORTELLA OF STATUS HIS REQUEST AS PER
REF C.

2. CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B, DEPT WILL FIND DR.
PORTELLA'S REPLIES IN NEARLY ALL CASES IN THE ATTACHMENT TO REF
A. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO NUMBERING
IN REF B: (2) THE SCIENTISTS BELONG TO THE SOVIET ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES. (3) NO. (5) PORTELLA EVALUATES SOVIET UNDERSTANDING
LEVEL AS VERY HIGH. (7) PORTELLA EXPECTS THE SAME SCIENTISTS
TO RETURN AS WERE HERE IN OCT/NOV. (8) NO RESUME HAS YET BEEN
PREPARED. (9) HE NEEDS THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE US AND HAS NO
VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AT PRESENT. (11) PORTELLA DOES NOT BELIEVE
HIS BENEFACTORS IN GOA, PARTICULARLY CONICET AND ARMY, WOULD
SUPPORT HIM IN BID TO GET EQUIPMENT FROM USSR. COLLABORATIVE
RESEARCH IS ONE THING, BUT EQUIPMENT (AND AN IMPLIED GREATER
DEPENDENCY ON USSR) SOMETHING ELSE.

3. PORTELLA POINTS OUT THT A LOAN OF THE EQUIPMENT RATHER
THAN OUTRIGHT GRANT, WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

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4. IF FURTHER SPECIFIC DATA DESIRED, PLEASE ADVISE.

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